



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)

SCHIPPER et al)

Serial No.: 09/776,913)

Filed: February 6, 2001)

For: HO-1 AS A DIAGNOSTIC AND)
PROGNOSTIC TEST)
FOR DEMENTING DISEASES)

) Art Unit: 1651

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of October 2, 2002, please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please delete claims 15-20.

Please rewrite claims 2 and 14 as follows:

2. (Amended) A commercial package for assessing a dementing disease in a patient comprising:

means for determining the concentration of heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1) and/or a

nucleotide sequence encoding HO-1, in bodily fluid or non-neural tissue obtained from a patient;